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OF ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT (ARTICLE 34):**

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insufficient properties of being bistable material.

The present invention has been accomplished in view of the above problems of the conventional techniques, and it is an object of the present invention to provide a switching element suitable for mass production, where the compositional deviation of materials can be suppressed, uniform properties in the characteristic of bistability can be attained, and an organic bistable material by itself can exhibit sufficient bistability.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

Namely, the present invention provides a switching element which comprises: an organic bistable material, the organic bistable material having two stable states in resistance under applied voltage; at least two electrodes, the electrodes being placed such that the organic bistable material is arranged between two of the electrodes, the switching element being characterized in that the organic bistable material comprises at least a compound having an electron-donating functional group and an electron-accepting functional group in a molecule of said compound.

In the switching element of the present invention, since the organic bistable material is of a one-component system having an electron donating functional group and an electron-accepting functional group in one molecule, fluctuation of the compositional ratio at the time of production hardly occurs unlike the conventional two-component system

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preferably used.

As the electrode layers 21a and 21b, metal materials such as aluminum, gold, silver, nickel and iron, inorganic materials such as ITO and carbon, conjugate organic materials, organic materials such as liquid crystals, semiconductor materials such as silicon, etc. may appropriately be selected, and the electrode layers are not limited thereto.

Next, the present invention is characterized in that the organic bistable material to be used for the bistable material layer 30 comprises at least a compound having an electron-donating functional group and an electron-accepting functional group in each molecule of the compound.

As the electron-donating functional group, $-\text{SCH}_3$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NHCH}_3$, $-\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, etc. may be mentioned. As the electron-accepting functional group, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{COCH}_3$, $-\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{F}$, $=\text{O}$, etc. may be mentioned.

Further, as the compound having an electron-donating functional group and an electron-accepting functional group in each molecule of the compound, an aminoimidazole type compound, a pyridone type compound, a styryl type compound, a stilbene type compound, a butadiene type compound, etc. may be mentioned.

Among the above compounds, in the present invention, it is preferred to use an aminoimidazole type compound of the following formula (A):

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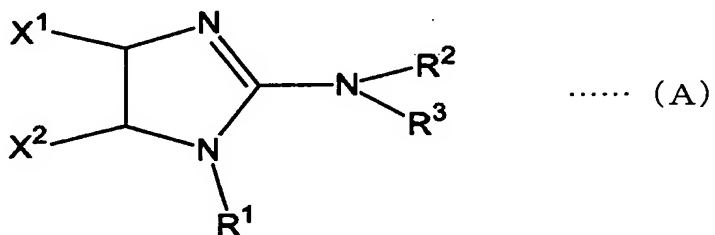
1. A switching element which comprises:

an organic bistable material, the organic bistable material having two stable states in resistance under applied voltage;

at least two electrodes, the electrodes being placed such that the organic bistable material is arranged between two of the electrodes,

the switching element being characterized in that the organic bistable material comprises at least a compound having an electron-donating functional group and an electron-accepting functional group in a molecule of said compound.

2. The switching element according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is an aminoimidazole type compound of the following formula (A):



wherein each of X^1 and X^2 is CN or NO_2 , and each of R^1 , R^2 and R^3 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may have a

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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

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3. Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 15 January 2004 (15.01.2004) under No. WO 2004/006351

4. **TIME LIMITS** for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the *PCT Newsletter*, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

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For filing a demand for international preliminary examination, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Chapter IX. Only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P,X	Haruo KAWAKAMI et al. "Aminoimidazoledicarbonitrile no Denkiteki Soantei Tokusei", 2003 Nen Shunki Dai 50 Kai Oyo Butsurigaku Kankei Rengo Koenkai Koen Yokoshu, 27 March, 2003 (27.03.03), separate Vol.3, page 1340	1-19
X	WO 02/37500 A1 (THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA), 10 May, 2002 (10.05.02), Full text; Figs. 1 to 17 & AU 6506801 A	1-19
X	MA, L.P. et al., 'Organic electrical bistable devices and rewritable memory cells', APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS, Vol.80, No.16, 22 April, 2002 (22.04.02), pages 2997 to 2999	1-19

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex.

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X	MA, L.P. et al., 'Data storage with 0.7nm recording marks on a crystalline organic thin film by a scanning tunneling microscope', APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS, Vol.73, No.6, 10 August, 1998 (10.08.98), pages 850 to 852	1-19